

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. Claims 1-7 and 9-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7 and 9-26 are rejected. Claim 11 has been amended to be in independent form.

The instant Amendment and Remarks are supplemental to the Response filed on January 23, 2009. The Examiner is requested to consider the Response filed on January 23, 2009, which is incorporated by reference herein, together with the additional Remarks presented below.

Applicants request that the Declaration and Remarks pertaining to the Declaration, as filed with the Response on January 23, 2009, be fully considered and entered by the Examiner at this time.

**Conclusion**

For the above reasons and the reasons set forth in the Response filed January 23, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit that their claimed invention is allowable and ask that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully solicited.

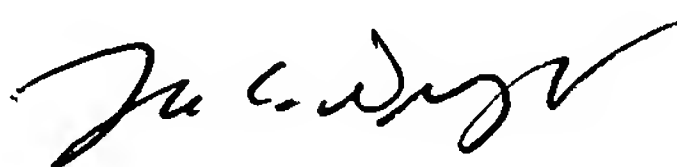
If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
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